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SUBJECT: FRG-USSR CULTURAL PROTOCOL: AGREEMENT STILL
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1. THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE CULTURAL POLICY DEPARTMENT
IN THE FONOFF (SCHOEDEL) RETURNED TO BONN WITHOUT
COMPLETING NEGOTIATION OF THE PROTOCOL TO THE EXISTING
FRG-USSR CULTURAL AGREEMENT. THE FONOFF HAD EXPECTED,
FOLLOWING THE FRG-USSR BILATERALS IN NEW YORK IN
SEPTEMBER, THAT ONLY ONE ADDITIONAL NEGOTIATING ROUND
WOULD BE NEEDED TO WRAP UP TEN POINTS LEFT OPEN, NONE
OF WHICH CONCERNED BERLIN (REFTEL B).

2. THE FONOFF HAS TOLD US THAT THE SOVIETS RE-OPENED
SEVERAL POINTS ON WHICH THE FRG BELIEVED AGREEMENT HAD
BEEN REACHED IN NEW YORK. AS A RESULT THE NEGOTIATIONS
TOOK LONGER THAN EXPECTED AND SCHOEDEL "RAN OUT OF
TIME." THE FRG HAS PROPOSED THAT ANOTHER ROUND OF
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NEGOTIATIONS BE SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK IN BONN, BUT THE

SOVIETS HAVE NOT YET REPLIED.

3. ACCORDING TO THE FONOFF, BERLIN DID NOT DOMINATE THE NEGOTIATIONS IN MOSCOW, BUT WAS INVOLVED IN SOME TEXTUAL POINTS RE-OPENED BY THE SOVIETS.

4. THE FONOFF IS "MODERATELY OPTIMISTIC" THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR THE AGREEMENT TO BE INITIALED OR SIGNED DURING SCHEEL'S VISIT TO THE USSR IN NOVEMBER. SEVERAL OF THE OPEN POINTS CONCERN THE SIGNING SCENARIO.

5. COMMENT: MORE PROGRESS WAS MADE ON THE CULTURAL PROTOCOL IN NEW YORK THAN THE OTHER TWO AGREEMENTS (LEGAL ASSISTANCE AND SCIENTIFIC/TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION) AND THE FONOFF THOUGHT THAT THE AGREEMENT COULD BE CONCLUDED PROMPTLY. WHETHER THE FRG OPTIMISM WAS JUSTIFIED WILL BE KNOWN NEXT WEEK IF AND WHEN THE NEXT NEGOTIATING ROUND TAKES PLACE. IT IS EVIDENT AT THIS STAGE THAT THE FRG'S OPTIMISM SO FAR HAS OUTRUN THE ACTUAL DEGREE OF AGREEMENT REACHED TO DATE.
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